

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. **10/646,922**
Response to OA dated October 18, 2007

REMARKS

The claims have been amended in order to more particularly point out, and distinctly claim the subject matter which the Applicants regard as their invention. The Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been added. It is believed that this Amendment is fully responsive to the Office Action dated **October 18, 2007**.

The present invention is a foldable electronic device having a main body, a closure, a main display, a subdisplay, a frame, a chip mount area of a flexible lead extending from the main display and a chip mount area of a flexible lead extending from the subdisplay. The main body and the closure are connected to each other openably, the main display has a screen exposed from an inner surface of the closure, the subdisplay has a screen exposed from a back surface of the closure, the frame is provided inside the closure and holds therein the main display and the subdisplay as arranged back to back. The chip mount areas are opposed to each other in an opening formed in the frame, the opposed surfaces of the respective chip mount areas having at least one portion with a group of electronic circuit chips mounted thereon and at least one portion is free of a group of electronic circuit chips. The at least one portion of the chip mount area of the flexible lead having a group of electronic circuit chips opposes the at least one portion of the other chip mount area free of a group of electronic circuit chips. The at least one portion of the other chip mount area of the flexible lead having a group of electronic circuit chips oppose the at least one portion of the chip amount area free of a group of electronic circuit chips.

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In the Office Action, Claims 1-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kweon et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,925,313) in view of the cited prior art document (JP 59-78654). Reconsideration and removal of this rejection are respectfully requested in view of the present amendments to the claims and the following remarks.

In regard to JP 59-78654, it is respectfully submitted that FIG. 3 is of a single flexible lead (7) having individual electronic components 2, 5 and 6 which are selectively positioned so that individual larger components are matched with individual smaller components in order to conserve space. FIG. 3 does not show one group of components on one flexible lead of a display and one group of components on an other flexible lead of an other display, as in the present claimed invention. In JP 59-78654, it is taught that a circuit board is bent in a concave-convex manner and components are mounted on the circuit board such that heights of components mounted on concave portions of the circuit board are higher than heights of components mounted on convex portions of the circuit board. JP 59-78654 does not show or suggest two different flexible leads (circuit boards) opposed to each other having a group of components opposed to a portion of the flexible lead which is free of a group of components, as presently claimed.

In view of the above remarks, removal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

In view of the aforementioned amendments and accompanying remarks, Claims 1-7, as amended, are believed to be patentable and in condition for allowance, which action, at an early date, is requested.

If, for any reason, it is felt that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the

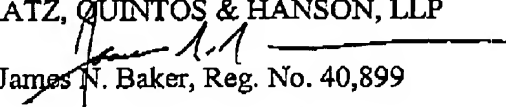
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Examiner is requested to contact the Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, the Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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